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**Office Action Summary**

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MESAROS, GREGORY J.

Examiner

Andrew Joseph Rudy

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 July 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 39-54 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 52 and 53 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 39-51 and 54 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Election/Restrictions***

1. Newly submitted claims 52 and 53 directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The claims recite a displaying seller criteria feature and reporting that has not been previously presented. This would entail a different species. Thus, further search would be warranted for this separate feature

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 52 and 53 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

2. Claims 1-8 and 39-54 are pending. Claims 52 and 53 are withdrawn from further consideration as drawn to non-elected invention.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. Claims 1-8, 39-51 and 54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nelson, US 6,496,568.

Nelson discloses, e.g. Figs. 1-8, a computer implemented business transaction of a of the product and service over a network, e.g. 125, 150, comprising a seller offering a plurality of deals having price and non-price, e.g. time of flight, seat selection, criteria

130, correlating the deals, e.g. 106, real-time notifying interfaces, e.g. 111-115, a control interface, e.g. 110, 116, notifying the seller and buyer allowing for the sale of the product and service. Nelson does not use the term distribution criterion. However, Official Notice is taken that airline tickets frequently incorporate a distribution aspect to the selling of tickets. To have provided such for Nelson would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

Applicant's REMARKS have been reviewed, but are moot in light of the new grounds of rejection.

4. A further reference is noted, US 6,456,986, disclosing price and business rules in a network system.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Joseph Rudy whose telephone number is 571-272-6789. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander G. Kalinowski can be reached on 571-272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew Joseph Rudy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" being the most prominent.

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